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1. IN MY MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU OCT 20 TO DISCUSS CSCE IMPLEMENTATION (BUCHAREST 5147), I RAISED SUBJECT OF HUMAN CONTACTS IN CONTEXT OF OUR CONCERN OVER SEVERAL TENTATIVE SIGNS WE HAD RECENTLY OBSERVED SUGGESTING TROUBLE MIGHT LIE AHEAD ON EMIGRATION ISSUE.

2. MACOVESCU RESPONDED THAT AS ONE OF THE AUTHORS OF US-GOR TRADE AGREEMENT HE COULD OFFER ABSOLUTE ASSURANCES THAT THERE WAS NO RPT NO CHANGE IN GOR POLICY ON EMIGRATION. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION CONCERNING STORIES WE HAVE RECENTLY HEARD FROM VISA APPLICANTS THAT PASSPORT OFFICE NOT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS BECAUSE SUPPLY OF FORMS IS EXHAUSTED, MACOVESCU STATED EMPHATICALLY THIS WAS PURE NONSENSE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE NUMBER OF APPROVALS HAD FALLEN SOMEWHAT IN THE LAST MONTH, BUT SAID IN VERY NEAR FUTURE BOTH WE AND THE ISRAELI EMBASSY WOULD FIND THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW APPROVALS HAD BEEN GRANTED.

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3. HE AGAIN SOLICITED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FACTS OF BUREAUCRATIC LIFE IN THIS SOCIETY. IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT THERE WOULD BE PERIODS WHEN APPROVALS AND DEPARTURES WOULD FLUCTUATE. BUT THESE WOULD AVERAGE OUT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. THE POLICY HAS NOT RPT NOT CHANGED. HUMANITARIAN CASES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE RESOLVED IN THE SAME MANNER THEY HAVE DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

4. ON SUBJECT OF JEWISH EMIGRATION MACOVESCU SAID HE HAD TOLD RABBI MILLER IN NEW YORK LAST MONTH THAT CEAUSESCU'S STATEMENT TO JEWISH LEADERSHIP IN WASHINGTON IN JUNE REMAINED AS VALID TODAY AS THEN. THOSE WHO WANTED TO LEAVE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO. BUT HE WARNED US, AS HE SAID HE HAD FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON, THAT NOTHING WOULD BE SOLVED BY FLOATING STORIES IN NEWSPAPERS IN AN EFFORT TO CHANGE PACE OF EXODUS OR OTHERWISE PRESENT THE CASE (HE WAS REFERRING PRIMARILY TO ISRAELI PRESS AND NOT U.S., SINCE HE SAID LITTLE HAD APPEARED THERE). I SAID WE HAD HEARD VIA RABBI MILLER OF A FEW CASES IN WHICH JEWS HAD HAD THEIR PASSPORTS WITHDRAWN. HE SAID THIS WAS TRUE, BUT RELATED ACTION TO BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS CONNECTED TO ISSUANCE OF NEW TYPE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND NOT TO ANY CHANGE IN POLICY.

5. AS I HAD EARLIER WITH DEPUTY MINISTER GLIGA I RAISED SUBJECT OF OUR OBTAINING EMIGRATION STATISTICS ON A CONTINUING BASIS AS REQUESTED BY REP. GREEN (STATE 216385; BUCHAREST 4987). HE SAID HE WOULD PERSONALLY LOOK INTO MATTER BUT COULDN'T PROMISE ANYTHING AT THE MOMENT BECAUSE OF PECULIAR SENSITIVITIES OF PROBLEM AND UNTIL HE CHECKED HIMSELF ON HOW THINGS STOOD. I PRESSED FAIRLY HARD ON ISSUE, BUT HE REMAINED ADAMANT THAT ALL HE COULD PROMISE WAS TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY. I TOLD HIM I EXPECTED TO SEE REP. GREEN IN CONNECTION WITH JOINT COMMISSION MEETING AND WOULD NEED SOME RESPONSE BY THEN, TO WHICH HE REPLIED HE WOULD DO HIS BEST NOT TO LEAVE ME WITHOUT SOMETHING TO SAY. COMMENT: EVEN ALLOWING FOR EXTREME ROMANIAN SENSITIVITIES ON THIS SUBJECT, I FOUND MACOVESCU MORE UNYIELDING IN THIS THAN I EXPECTED. HE OBVIOUSLY WILL HAVE TO GET CLEARANCE FROM CEAUSESCU ON CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS AND THEY BOTH WILL BE CONCERNED TO AVOID SETTING PRECEDENTS WITHOUT END.

6. IN COMMENTING SEPARATELY ON THE APPARENT EFFECTS OF THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF THE ROMANIAN AIRLINE (BUCHAREST 5365) MACOVESCU WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO STRESS THAT THIS PROBLEM HAD NO EFFECT ON THE EMIGRATION QUESTION. BARNES

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